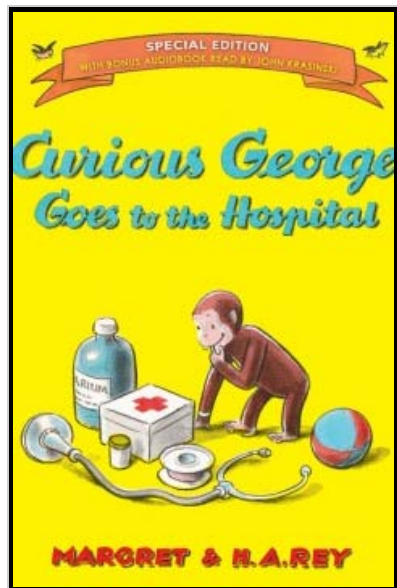




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Curious George Goes to the Hospital is now celebrating its 50th anniversary! In this special edition with a beautiful new jacket, Curious George takes a trip to the hospital after swallowing a puzzle piece and learns about the inner workings of the hospital and gets into some mischief. Includes free downloadable audio read by actor John Krasinski. Also includes an afterword from Dr. Frederick Lovejoy Jr., associate physician in chief of the Boston Children's Hospital detailing the wonderful connection the Reys shared with the hospital staff that inspired the book and explains current advances in medical technology and tips on preparing a child for a hospital stay.

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Hans Augusto Rey was born in Hamburg, Germany in 1898. As a child, he spent much of his free time in that city's famous Hagenbeck Zoo drawing animals. After serving in the army during World War I, he married Margret Rey and they moved to Montmartre for four years. The manuscript for the first...

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For decades, kids have been given a copy of "Curious George Goes To The Hospital" before heading in for surgery or just to prepare themselves for a visit with ailing family or friends. I know I read it as a child before my operation. (No complications, I'm happy to say!) Though I haven't seen this book since I was 10 or 12, I immediately remembered the story. George swallows a piece of a jigsaw puzzle and is soon causing mischief at the hospital. He clambers around, wakes up woozy from his minor operation and has no interest in anything but sleeping or scooting down the hall in a run-away wheelchair. (The wheelchair is called a go-cart; that's how long ago this was written). The illustrations are a treat while

the text is not quite its equal. The Reys rescue it with the unexplained figure of Betsy, a little girl also at the hospital who is very sad and very scared. Only at the finale -- when George gets into more trouble -- do we finally see her really and laugh. Where is her family? What is she there for? Will she get better? The book's willingness to leave these questions unanswered and their simple but effective way of tying up the pieces of the story at the end make this tale an enduring one, even after 50 years. Actor John Krazinski does an enthusiastic reading on the audio CD. It's geared towards very small children and a bit over-emphatic, but fine. However, the jaunty if bland score that's included means Krazinski's performance lasts 18 minutes. Anyone reading along will soon grow impatient at the draggy pacing. So the audiobook is best appreciated on its own, perhaps in a car ride -- and hopefully not a car ride on the way to the hospital. -- Michael Giltz

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"While beginning readers are convinced that they are enjoying themselves with George, their supervising adults are equally sure that they are learning something. Both are absolutely right." Kirkus Reviews

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